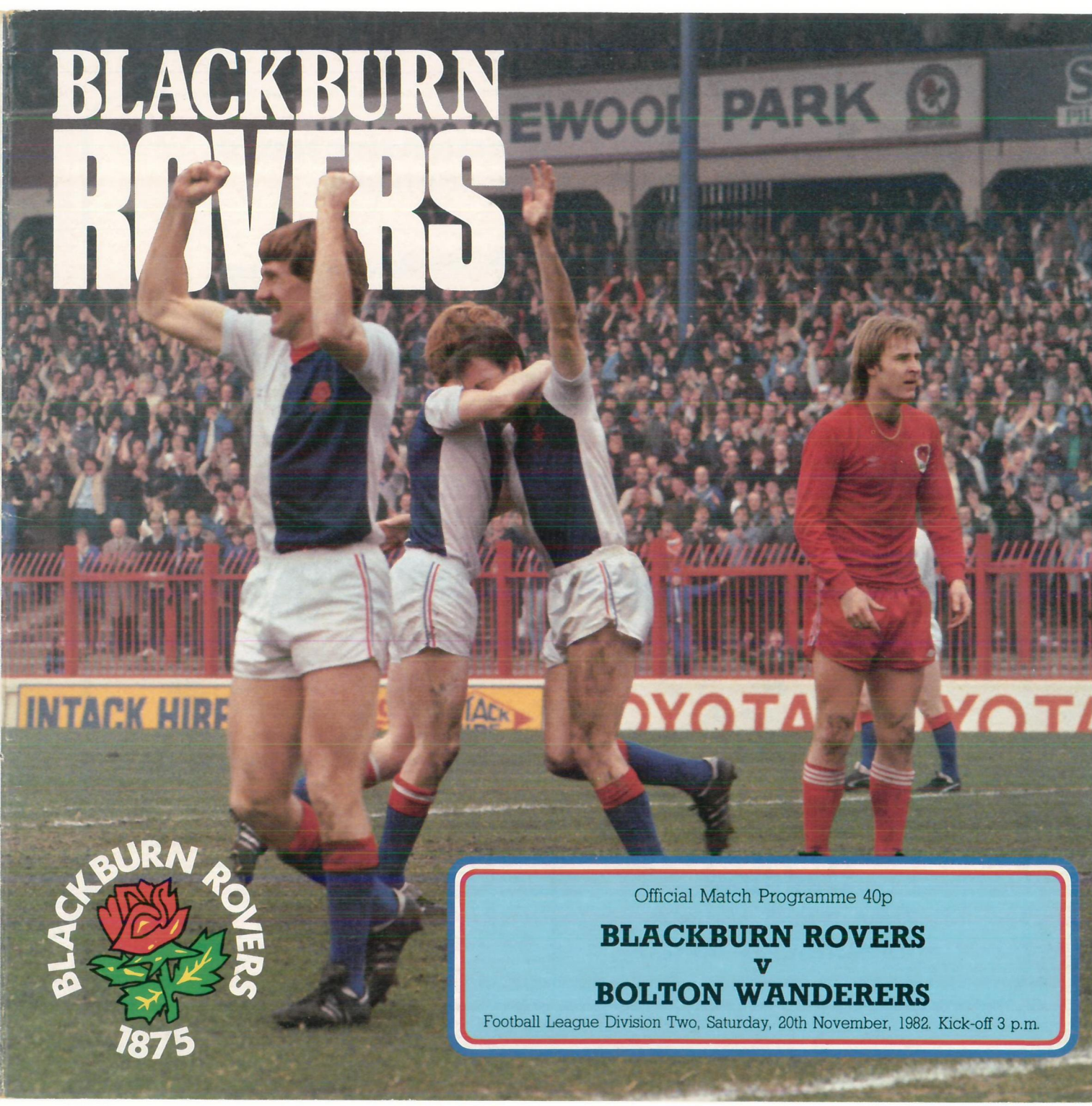


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IT WAS a case of good news and bad at Queens Park Rangers last Saturday. Happily we extended our current sequence to just one defeat in the last six matches which is the sort of foundation we need to build a consistent run.

But, on a bitterly disappointing note for me personally, I felt we should have won the match after Norman Bell's late goal put us in front. Those extra two points would have made a vast difference in the Second Division table after our home win the previous week over Carlisle.

I am sure everyone who saw the Carlisle game must have been greatly encouraged, not only by the result but by our performance which provided some rich entertainment. It would have been a tremendous boost to our League position as well if we had followed that with a win at QPR - as we should have done.

Still, a point away from home is always useful and if we are to achieve the required consistency we must stretch that sequence to seven matches today.

A "derby" against our near neighbours Bolton Wanderers means there will be a lot of pressure and tension. Bolton struggled for good results in the first part of the season, but they, too, managed to pick up a valuable away point last week and, from what I am told, they have a habit of doing well at Ewood with Rovers often coming out on top at Burnden Park.

Today we want to reverse that pattern and our players are no strangers to pressure in recent home matches. They have coped with it well so far and we will be out to put things right after Bolton won here at Easter last season.

I would like to give a special mention to the club's youngsters who finally went out of the F.A. Youth Cup last week, losing 2-1 after extra time in a first round second replay at Darlington. It might not sound very good losing to a Fourth Division club's youth side but, take it from me, Darlington were an excellent side who have a lot of experience of playing together.

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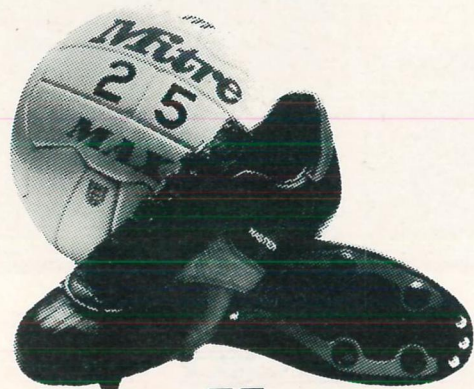
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NEWS & VIEWS

WITH the season now in full swing, League managers are starting to bite the dust with increasing, if familiar, regularity, and Second Division clubs don't lag behind when it comes to making headlines.

Two of the early-season strugglers Middlesbrough and Derby have the under-new-management signs out after parting company with Bobby Murdoch and John Newman respectively and their new choices could never be accused of lacking "news sense".

Controversial Malcolm Allison has already got his feet under the table at Boro, of course, but even more intriguing is the return to the Baseball Ground of Cloughie's old sidekick Peter Taylor.

Derby are a club long on tradition but short on success in recent years after their title-winning exploits of the early seventies and Mr Taylor could not have taken over at a more troubled time.

Not unnaturally, there are hopes that Taylor's influence on the playing side and the appointment of a new chairman – snooker promoter Mike Watterson – after a takeover will be the cue (sorry!) for a change in their fortunes.

But there were no signs of that when Derby's new management team led them into their Milk Cup tie against First Division strugglers Birmingham City. Not only were Derby well beaten, they also had two players sent off, Steve Powell and John McAlle. Still at least it gave Mr

● **BOLTON'S** mascot today is Junior Whites member Darren Hodgkinson, of Eskdale Grove, Farnworth. His favourite player is Jeff Chandler.



● **Members of Bolton Wanderers Supporters' Association** have today walked or run from Burnden Park to Ewood. The athletic members are T. Smith, I. Heywood, J. Heywood, J. Chaisty, P. Patel, P. Beeby, J. Cross, B. Cross, J. Marland and S. Marland.



by **PETER WHITE**
Lancashire Evening
Telegraph

Taylor an insight into his problems, following his return to the game after a premature "retirement".

THERE'S a lot of talk in football about "pressure" but it's usually in the context of the big clubs. Few people give much thought to the pressures and problems of running, for example, a Fourth Division outfit.

The manager often has to make do with other clubs' cast-offs; small gates make it a battle for financial survival, rather than looking to make progress, and life can be even tougher than it is for the top dogs.

So it should not really have come as a surprise when Cliff Sear quit his post as Chester manager after only a few months because of "the pressures of the job". Some might think he's over-reacting, but I am sure there are many managers in the game who will understand and sympathise with his position.

ATTENDANCES at League matches recently have shown one or two encouraging signs but there have still been some ominous reminders around of soccer's crisis.

The gate of 13,089 for Everton's Milk Cup clash with Arsenal was rightly regarded as disastrous. It was the lowest attendance on Merseyside since the war for a match between two First Division teams.

When two giants of the game can only draw such a miserable crowd – whatever the reasons – then it's obvious that football's greatest task is to hold on to the fans who still come through the turnstiles

before they can even think of trying to win back the missing millions.

Today's visitors Bolton can vouch personally for the drastic decline in crowds. At their recent home game with Shrewsbury, Wanderers drew only 4,879 spectators. That's the lowest Burnden Park League gate for 35 years.

TWO ex-Rovers' goalkeepers in the news were Jim Arnold and John Butcher. Arnold, who reaped Rovers a massive £220,000 when he joined Everton, finally tasted first team football again at Goodison Park after Welsh international Neville Southall went down with a foot injury.

Butcher was signed on a free transfer by Oxford United boss Jim Smith – another Ewood "old boy" – after being released by Rovers and although he had to bide his time, he, too, has forced his way into the senior side.

A FEW more clubs might follow Nottingham Forest's recent example, judging by their staggering 7-3 Milk Cup win over Watford. The previous week, Forest took a short break in Saudi Arabia, playing one of their top clubs Al-Hial. Winning the friendly 8-3 certainly put some life into Forest's sharpshooters and it seems to have paid admirable dividends on their return.

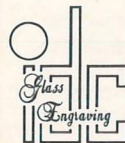
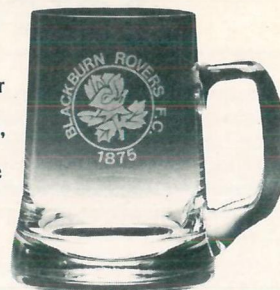
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One of the original twelve members of the Football League, Bolton have a chequered history. In their fourth season in the Football League they finished in third place and they have never bettered that championship challenge.

STAR MAN

JOHN MCGOVERN

MONTROSE-BORN John McGovern was appointed player/manager in June of this year and his move into management ended an association with Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough which stretched back to John's early playing days at Hartlepool. He followed Cloughie from Hartlepool to Derby County, on to Leeds and then to Nottingham Forest, where he eclipsed the League championship success at Derby by skipping the Forest side to a League championship and two European and League Cup successes.

A slightly built player, McGovern's approach to the game over the years has been one of dedication and determination, qualities which have made him one of the game's most respected players. No stranger to the Second Division scene, John was a member of the Forest side which spent two seasons in comparative obscurity prior to scraping into Division One in 1977.

They won the first F.A. Cup Final to be played at Wembley Stadium in 1923. They dominated the competition in the twenties, going on to lift the Cup in 1926 and 1929 but they then had to wait until 1958 for their next success when the legendary Nat Lofthouse led them to F.A. Cup glory when they beat the Munich-ravaged Manchester United side in an emotional final.

Over the years they have often been involved in promotion and relegation battles and this is their eighth spell in Division Two. They enjoyed an unbroken spell of almost 30 years in Division One from 1935 to 1964, but it was soon afterwards they slipped into Division Three for the first time in their history. They steadily progressed throughout the 1970's, winning the Third Division championship in 1973, and the Second Division championship in 1978.

Their return to the top flight was short-lived and whilst they struggled bravely through their first season, finishing in 17th place, they were relegated in a season in which they failed to win a single game away from home. Since those heady days the Wanderers have found it difficult to readjust and their form has been inconsistent.

This Season

Successive home defeats by Barnsley and Shrewsbury following their exit from the Milk Cup at Watford left the Burnden Park side second from bottom and they face an uphill struggle once again.

In goal JIM McDONAGH is in his second spell with the Wanderers after a season at Goodison Park. The former Rotherham 'keeper was a member of the Bolton Division Two championship side in 1978. Also a member of that side PETER REID has been sidelined once again with a serious knee injury. Hailed a few seasons ago as the most promising young midfielder in the country, he fought his way back into the side this season after a succession of injuries and prior to this latest setback was back to his best form.

The absence of Reid in midfield has again provided an opportunity for transfer-listed DAVID HOGGAN and TONY HENRY to re-establish themselves in the side. Hoggan, a former apprentice, made his League debut in the First Division at Bristol City, whilst Henry is a former Manchester City player.

A member of the successful England youth squad which won the 1980 European youth championship, local boy MIKE BENNETT will link up at full back with ex-Leicester and Sunderland defender STEVE WHITWORTH. At the centre of the defence long-serving PAUL JONES will partner either former Stoke, Manchester City and England player MIKE DOYLE or former Distillery man GERRY McELHINNEY.

Leading goalscorer last season CHRIS THOMPSON is supported up front by ex-Leeds winger JEFF CHANDLER and newcomer IAN MOORES, who has had experience with Stoke City and Tottenham Hotspur.

With goalscoring proving a problem, former local schoolboy WAYNE FOSTER will also be looking for a place, as will VERNON ALLATT, who joined Bolton in the summer after being freed by Halifax.

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WE have received letters from Chelsea supporters which show the other 'face' of their fans, Charlton supporters on the controversial sending off of Terry Gennoe and from one of our season ticket holders on the performance against Carlisle United.

'IT IS not often I become provoked into putting pen to paper, but I felt I must, on behalf of many Charlton fans, offer condolences to Terry Gennoe – one of the best – following his untimely dismissal in the game at Charlton.

The match referee Brian Stevens made what I consider the most absurd decision I have seen in 20 years of watching the game at The Valley. I only hope that Terry can put this incident at the back of his mind, so please gee him up and tell him to have a couple of pints of Guinness with best wishes. The new "get tough" policy of current match officials has become rather base when such a fair player is dismissed for doing what he's paid for – being the last line of defence and preventing goals.

Terry must feel very hard done by, but I know he is professional enough to walk tall and banish the incident from his mind. Ironically, whilst writing this letter I have been browsing through your programme on the only occasion I have visited your fine ground – almost ten years to the day (October 28th, 1972) – home win, say no more! Only two of the 24 players listed are still playing first-team League soccer, namely Derek Fazackerley and Mike Flanagan – how times change. All the best and cheers Terry – mind the toucan!

M. M. Lawlor,
Greenbay Road, Charlton, London.

'I AM a Charlton supporter and am writing on behalf of many people in London expressing our disgust at the sending off incident of Terry Gennoe for handball outside the penalty area at Charlton. Terry Gennoe is a credit to the game and if we continue to have people of his calibre sent off for this kind of offence then it can only bring more harm to the game.



Striker Simon Garner hands the autographed ball to Mr Mick Riley, general administration manager of Whitbread (West Pennines) Ltd., ball sponsors for the Carlisle game. Mr Riley's son Anthony is looking on.

It is obvious that the law of sending off a goalkeeper for this offence does nothing to improve the game of football and the Football League should rethink this situation, as laws like this can easily kill the game.

It is becoming apparent nowadays that the biggest offenders on the football field are getting away with all kinds of offences while exceptional players such as Terry Gennoe are having to suffer for offences of this kind.'

Mr B. A. Valentino,
Dacres Road, Forest Hill, London.

'ON behalf of the Chelsea Official Supporters' Club, football team and officials, I have been requested to express our gratitude to the Blackburn Rovers' Supporters, especially to Mr Paul Astley of the Accrington Branch, for the overwhelming hospitality that was extended to us on match day. To observe

the friendship, and good natured bantering that went on at your excellent disco in the evening, makes all the hard work in trying to forge friendships with rival clubs all worthwhile. May it continue to grow in strength.'

R. Hudson,
Secretary, Football Section,
Chelsea Official Supporters' Club.

'I AM writing to congratulate you and the rest of the team for an excellent performance against Carlisle United. It was a very fast and exciting game and in the end I thought that Blackburn were very unlucky not to be in double figures. I have a season ticket and watch the game from the Riverside Stand. You can definitely count on me giving full support to Blackburn Rovers in the future.'

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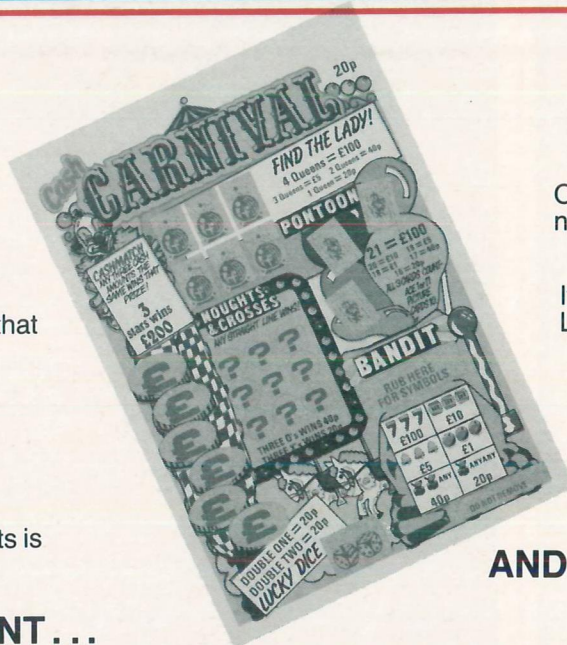
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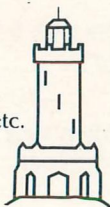
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Their ages range from two (yes, two) up to 16, and they include a fair number of girls. From the ranks come soccer teams who train on Sunday mornings and then turn out later in the day in the Blackburn Youth League, with others engaged in midweek matches in the Daisyfield Floodlit League.

But their involvement in club activities goes far beyond the business of kicking a ball about. When a Rovers first-team game is coming up a squad of anything up to a couple of dozen

youngsters sweep up the terraces – they found a pair of false teeth only recently!

They also provide ball-boys for Second Division and Central League matches, as well as for schoolboy fixtures, and it is from the Junior Rovers members that mascots are provided.

To ease the job of looking after such a big number the Junior Rovers are divided into five age groups, each with its own manager.

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Last word from Liz: "We would like to see more parents joining in . . ."

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THIS afternoon we welcome to Ewood Park two distinguished visitors who are here for a special presentation. They are our old friend from Preston, the legendary Tom Finney, and local MP Jack Straw.

Before the start of today's match they were presenting our chairman Mr William Fox with a cheque for £339,439, which is the amount we have received from the Football Grounds Improvement Trust for the huge programme of safety work which we have had to carry out to get our Certificate of Safety from Lancashire County Council.

Tom Finney has been one of the Trust's members since it was started by the pools companies, Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettlers in 1975. In that time they have made grants to League clubs totalling £13 million.

Mr Fox comments: "We are very pleased to welcome Jack Straw and Tom Finney to Ewood Park, for they have both played a great part in helping the club get such generous help from the Trust. Sadly, the £339,349 grant we are receiving is not "new" money, as it represents only a proportion of the £600,000-plus which we have had to spend on the work ordered by Lancashire County Council before they would give us a certificate of safety.

"Our older fans will remember crowd capacities three times greater than the 23,400 which is our limit for this season. But the Safety Act does much more than reduce capacities. It has made us re-roof the Riverside Stand, fireproof the main stand, test and replace numerous crash barriers, put in segregation and perimeter fencing, new exits, turnstiles and emergency lighting, and provide special police control facilities.

"If we get into the First Division there'll be lots more to do, particularly at the Darwen End - to bring the capacity up to around 30,000."

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ABOVE: The first of the Rovers goals in the 2-2 draw at Queen's Park Rangers as Ian Miller hammers in a left-foot shot.

RIGHT: The goal which started the furore. Norman Bell seems to be on the receiving end of a straight right from goalkeeper Peter Hucker, but he is beating the punch to head home a rebound from David Hamilton's cross. It went over and rebounded from a stanchion, claimed Rangers — and their manager Terry Venables was booked for storming onto the pitch and protesting. It was a good goal, claimed the Rovers. Whatever happened, the goal stood — and earned us a point.

RIGHT: Simon Garner's two goals against Carlisle United. Top — the ball squirts past goalkeeper Trevor Swinburne for the first. Bottom — Tommy Craig makes a despairing effort to stop the ball under the bar, but it had crossed the line — and that meant a reprieve for the Carlisle midfield man, who could have been sent off for hand ball.

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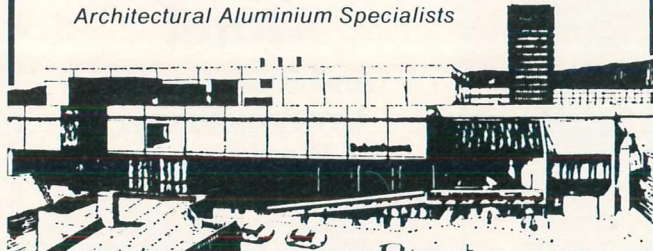
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BRANCH NEWS

THE annual meeting of the **Rishton Branch** proved to be of interest to all who attended. The committee donated a sum of £1,005 to the Rovers with a request that the amount should be used specifically to purchase boots and playing kit for the players. This donation was the last action by the committee as they all are standing down to enable any new support to be harnessed. An extraordinary general meeting will be convened in the near future and all members past and present will be notified of the time and place.

At the last Central committee meeting the Rovers Chairman Mr William Fox expressed his thanks to all the branches for meeting their financial commitment each month so successfully. The finance supplied to the Rovers by the branches is essential to the stability of the club and involves every single branch member.

The Christmas Draw tickets offered for sale by the **Chorley Branch** can be purchased from the main club office on Hall Street. First prize is a portable TV and a book of five tickets costs only 20p. All branch secretaries are reminded that unsold tickets, cash and counterfoils should be brought to the next Central Committee meeting on Wednesday, 8th December.

The Rovers are acting hosts for the next meeting of the Welsh area, to which the Central committee is affiliated and the meeting takes place tomorrow in the Ewood Sponsor Lounge, starting at 2-30 p.m.

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**BY ELTON
WELSBY**

OF ALL the smaller clubs in decline, both positionally and financially, Wrexham's plight saddens me the most.

I have spent many a happy time at the Racecourse Ground enjoying the club's heroic Cup exploits which became such a feature of North West football during the seventies. What a team, the then manager John Neal brought together, and, with one or two alterations to the set up, Wrexham's traditions were carried on by Arfon Griffiths when he took over as manager.

But sadly all that excitement is now a thing of the past. Interest in football in North Wales is diminishing at an alarming rate.

Wrexham's gates are between the 2,000 and 3,000 mark. They are so much in debt that players like Steve Fox have been allowed to move on simply to reduce the wage bill, and stalwarts like Joey Jones have been sold for paltry sums – £40,000 (to Chelsea) is a real snip for a player who won a European Cup winners medal with Liverpool and whose dedication to whichever club he serves could never be questioned.

I last visited the ground at the start of the season, and it was Joey's infectious grin that immediately made me feel welcome – I

hasten to add that is not an unusual emotion at the Racecourse Ground. Despite losing a lot of its personalities in recent years the staff are very friendly and always willing to brew up for an old friend.

"How goes it, Joe?" . . . a fairly typical greeting.

"It's gone here, Elt," came the most untypical reply one could possibly imagine. Joey's the eternal optimist who hasn't a bad word for anyone and always manages to raise a near hysterical laugh whatever the occasion.

At that time Joey had just turned down a move to Chelsea, though he has since linked up with John Neal at Stamford Bridge.

"I was very disappointed," Joey told me . . . "but you've got to look on the funny side.

"John said he'd meet me in Nuneaton to discuss the move. 'Do you know that really posh hotel on the outskirts of town?' he asked.

"This will be good," I thought, "back in the big time!"

'Well,' said John, 'there's a little transport cafe opposite, see you there.'

"I nearly dropped the phone."

That's Joey . . . yet another great character to leave Wrexham, players that will never be replaced. Stability was lost when Arfon Griffiths got the sack. His successor and friend Mel Sutton, lovely fellow that he is, wasn't up to the job, and although new manager Bobby Roberts is a proven lower division manager, things will get an awful lot worse before they get better.

Some stupid decisions have been made at Wrexham in the last two or three years. The results are painfully clear.

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WE disappointed our fans on November 22, 1952, going down 2-1 here to Birmingham City despite holding a first half lead through a goal by GEORGE MCLUCKIE.

ROVERS: Elvy; Suart, Eckersley; Campbell, Kelly, Clayton (K); Glover, Leaver, W. Holmes, Wright, McLuckie. Attendance: 18,400.

Sheffield United moved back to the top of Division Two with a runaway 7-2 win over Leicester and in the First Division Bolton were held to a draw by Sheffield Wednesday.

20 YEARS AGO

WE earned a goalless draw in a First Division game against today's visitors at Burnden Park on November 24, 1962. Teams:

BOLTON: Hopkinson; Hartle, Farri-
mond; Stanley, Edwards, Rimmer;
Lee, Hill, Davies, McGarry, Pilkington.

ROVERS: Else; Bray, Newton; Clayton,
Woods, McGrath; Ferguson, Lawther,
Pickering, Douglas, Harrison.

10 YEARS AGO

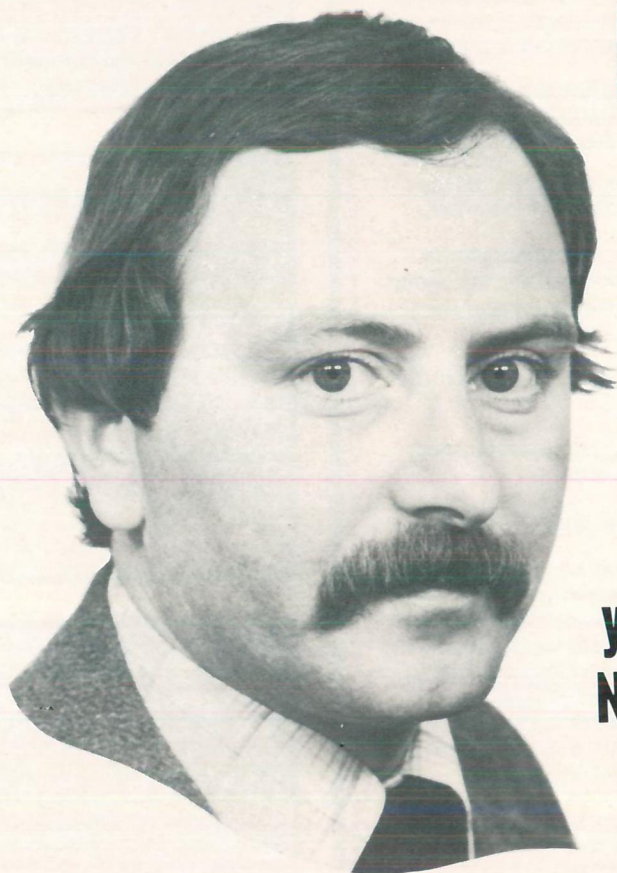
WE eased our position a little at Tranmere on November 24, 1972, when TONY FIELD'S first half goal earned us a 1-1 draw. This left us in 19th place in Division Three as we extended our unbeaten run to six games.

ROVERS: Jones; Heaton, Arentoft;
Garbett, McNamee, Fazackerley;
Napier (Martin), Bradford, O'Mara,
Metcalfe, Field. Attendance: 5,703.
Bolton won their fourth game in a row
2-1 against Rotherham.

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IN RESERVE

THE boys from the youth team deserve a well-earned mention in this weeks notes. After our draw at Darlington in the 1st round of the Youth Cup we played them at Ewood. It was another cracker of a game against a very good Darlington youth team. People will say that it was only Darlington, but those of you who came along will testify that they were a very well-organised and competent outfit.

We took the lead through a Mark Patterson goal, only for them to equalise in the second half and take the match into extra time and we seemed fated to be beaten, but a good cross from Mark Patterson was turned in by Gary Mather and the tie was saved.

Their manager Bill Elliott won the toss and we had to make the long journey back to Darlington for the second replay. Again the match turned out to be a thriller, we took the lead again through a good cross from Gary Mather and a fine header from Mark Patterson. Darlington missed a penalty with five minutes to go and we thought we were home and dry,

but it was not to be. Just 22 seconds into injury time and with the referee looking at his watch, Darlington scored an equaliser — a real cracker. Once again, we went into extra time and they clinched the tie with a goal in the first period. We had several fine efforts saved by their keeper but they hung on to their lead and a very disappointed team made the long silent journey back to Blackburn.

The reserve match the following day does not really warrant being in the same set of notes as the youth team, who had applied themselves magnificently and given their all for 5½ hours. It was a chance for the reserves to go top of the Central League, but you wouldn't have thought so. The game was an abysmal affair with Sheffield Wednesday winning 2-0. The way several of our "professionals" applied themselves to the game was disgraceful and I know that kind of mediocre display will not be repeated again this season.

Jim Furnell

JUNIOR NEWS

MANAGER of the under-14 squad, Harold Wright has in four years built up an enviable reputation in the town's junior football circles.

He has had most of the present squad since taking charge of them at the under-11 stage, and their impressive list of achievements reads:

Blackburn Recreation Department 1979 7-a-side runners-up; 1980-81 under-12 league champions; 1981 knock-out cup winners; 1981 Summer League winners; Darwen 1981 under-12 cup winners; Blackburn Sunday Youth League 81-82 under-14 division champions and cup winners; Daisyfield League Sportsmanship Trophy winners; 1982 Blackburn Summer League under-13 champions; Blackburn Lions Gala 1982 knock-out cup winners.

Seven players are in the Blackburn schoolboy under-14 squad and his ambition is to have as many of his squad as professionals — with the Rovers, of course!

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BLACKBURN ROVERS FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	OPPONENTS	F	A	Att.	Pts	Pos
Aug. 28	Wolverhampton W.	1	2	15,605	0	
Sept. 1	NEWCASTLE UNITED	1	2	14,021	0	
Sept. 4	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	3	1	4,562	3	13
Sept. 7	Grimsby Town	0	5	7,567	3	16
Sept. 11	Crystal Palace	0	2	7,529	3	19
Sept. 18	LEICESTER CITY	3	1	4,963	6	15
Sept. 25	Derby County	2	1	9,361	9	11
Oct. 2	SHEFFIELD WED.	2	3	10,362	9	15
Oct. 5	Brentford Milk Cup 2 (1L)	2	3	6,201		
Oct. 9	Fulham	1	3	5,698	9	17
Oct. 16	CHELSEA	3	0	6,062	12	14
Oct. 23	LEEDS UNITED	0	0	12,040	13	14
Oct. 27	BRENTFORD Milk Cup 2 (2L)	0	0	4,137		
Oct. 30	Charlton Athletic	0	3	5,726	13	17
Nov. 6	CARLISLE UNITED	3	2	5,204	16	16
Nov. 13	Queens Park Rangers	2	2	9,149	17	15
Nov. 20	BOLTON WANDERERS (FA 1)					
Nov. 27	Middlesbrough					
Dec. 4	BARNLEY					
Dec. 11	Shrewsbury T. (FA 2)					
Dec. 18	ROTHERHAM UNITED					
Dec. 27	Burnley					
Dec. 29	OLDHAM ATHLETIC					
1983						
Jan. 1	Bolton Wanderers					
Jan. 3	Cambridge United					
Jan. 8	FA Cup 3					
Jan. 15	WOLVERHAMPTON W.					
Jan. 22	Leicester City					
Jan. 29	FA Cup 4					
Feb. 5	GRIMSBY TOWN					
Feb. 12	Sheffield Wednesday					
Feb. 19	FULHAM (FA 5)					
Feb. 26	Chelsea					
Mar. 5	Leeds United					
Mar. 12	CHARLTON A. (FA 6)					
Mar. 19	Carlisle United					
Mar. 26	QUEENS PARK RANGERS					
Apr. 1	Oldham Athletic					
Apr. 4	BURNLEY					
Apr. 9	Newcastle United					
Apr. 16	CRYSTAL PALACE (FA SF)					
Apr. 23	Barnley					
Apr. 30	MIDDLESBROUGH					
May 2	DERBY COUNTY					
May 7	Rotherham United					
May 14	SHREWSBURY TOWN					
May 21	FA CUP FINAL					

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Wednesday	14	9	2	3	29	16	29
Queens Park Rangers	15	8	4	3	21	12	28
Fulham	14	8	3	3	32	19	27
Wolverhampton Wanderers	14	8	3	3	21	11	27
Leeds United	14	6	6	2	20	14	24
Oldham Athletic	14	6	5	3	24	18	23
Grimsby Town	14	7	2	5	21	21	23
Leicester City	14	6	2	6	26	16	20
Shrewsbury Town	14	6	2	6	18	20	20
Newcastle United	14	5	4	5	23	22	19
Chelsea	14	4	6	4	17	15	18
Barnley	14	4	6	4	18	17	18
Crystal Palace	14	4	6	4	15	14	18
Carlisle United	14	5	3	6	29	31	18
Blackburn Rovers	14	5	2	7	21	27	17
Charlton Athletic	14	5	2	7	21	27	17
Middlesbrough	14	4	5	5	18	27	17
Rotherham United	14	3	7	4	16	22	16
Cambridge United	15	3	4	8	18	24	13
Burnley	14	4	1	9	20	27	9
Bolton Wanderers	14	2	3	9	10	23	9
Derby County	14	1	6	7	10	24	9

Appearances and Scorers

	League	Goals	Cup	Goals
Gennoe	13		2	
Branagan	14		2	
Rathbone	14		2	
Randell	11		2	
Mail	7		2	
Fazackerley	14		2	1
Miller	10(2)	1	1(1)	
Hamilton	9(4)	2	2	
Bell	12(1)	4	2	
Garner	14	10	2	
Brotherston	14	1	2	
Arnott	—(1)			
Stonehouse	11(2)	2	1(1)	1
Lowey	2			
Barton	8			
O'Keefe	1			

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BLACKBURN ROVERS CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Day	OPPONENTS	F	A
August 28	Sat.	MANCHESTER UNITED	0	2
September 8	Wed.	West Bromwich A.	0	4
September 11	Sat.	STOKE CITY	8	3
September 18	Sat.	Manchester United	0	5
September 22	Wed.	Bury	5	3
October 9	Sat.	WEST BROMWICH A.	1	0
October 12	Tues.	Coventry City	3	0
October 30	Sat.	ASTON VILLA	3	2
November 10	Wed.	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0	2
November 20	Sat.	Liverpool		
December 1	Wed.	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN		
December 8	Wed.	Wolverhampton W.		
January 5	Wed.	NEWCASTLE UNITED		
January 12	Wed.	Sheffield United		
January 19	Wed.	EVERTON		
January 26	Wed.	Blackpool		
February 1	Tues.	Leeds United		
February 9	Wed.	BURY		
February 15	Tues.	Sheffield Wednesday		
February 23	Wed.	COVENTRY CITY		
March 2	Wed.	Aston Villa		
March 8	Tues.	Everton		
March 16	Wed.	BLACKPOOL		
March 23	Wed.	LEEDS UNITED		
March 30	Wed.	LIVERPOOL		
April 13	Wed.	WOLVERHAMPTON W.		
April 20	Wed.	Huddersfield Town		
May 4	Wed.	Stoke City		
May 11	Wed.	SHEFFIELD UNITED		
May 18	Wed.	Newcastle United		

Central League – Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	10	4	4	2	14	5	12
Manchester United	9	5	1	3	21	11	11
Sheffield United	8	5	1	2	14	8	11
Newcastle United	6	5	0	1	13	7	10
Blackburn Rovers	10	5	0	5	20	23	10
Stoke City	9	4	2	3	16	19	10
Aston Villa	7	4	1	2	14	8	9
West Bromwich Albion	8	3	3	2	9	5	9
Liverpool	8	3	3	2	12	12	9
Sheffield Wednesday	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Bury	5	2	1	2	9	11	5
Blackpool	6	2	1	3	8	11	5
Huddersfield Town	6	1	2	3	8	11	4
Coventry City	7	2	0	5	7	16	4
Leeds United	6	0	2	4	4	13	2
Wolverhampton Wanderers	6	0	0	6	2	11	0

Appearances and Scorers

	App.	Goals		App.	Goals
O'Keefe	8		Randell	2	1
Goody	3(2)		Lowey	5	2
Comstive	7	1	Garner	1	1
Tindle	3		Evans	1	
Byrom	8		Mann	5	
Gray	2		Burke	5	1
Metcalfe	1		Murphy	4	1
Barker	8	1	Mail	4	1
Devine	4(2)	2	Allen	1	
Butcher	9	7			
Stonehouse	2	2			
Patterson	5(2)				
Gennoe	1				
Parkes	1(2)				
Hamilton	1(1)				
Branagan	1				
Barton	1				
Fazackerley	1				
Rathbone	1				
Miller	4				

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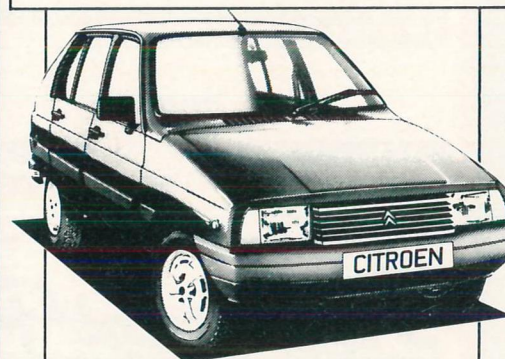
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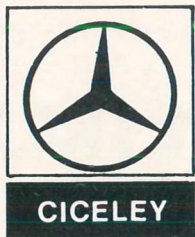
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Blackburn Rovers 3, Carlisle United 2
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Team: Gennoe, Branagan, Rathbone, Randell,
Mail, Fazackerley, Miller, Hamilton, Bell, Garner,
Brotherston. Substitute: Stonehouse.

Wednesday, 10th November, 1982

Central League – Division One
Blackburn Rovers 0, Sheffield Wednesday 2
Team: Gennoe, Goody, Comstive, Tindle, Byrom,
Gray, Metcalfe, Barker, Devine, Butcher,
Stonehouse. Substitute: Patterson (replaced
Tindle).

Saturday, 13th November, 1982

Football League Division Two
Queens Park Rangers 2, Blackburn Rovers 2
(Miller, Bell)

Team: O'Keefe, Branagan, Rathbone, Randell,
Mail, Fazackerley, Miller, Hamilton, Bell, Garner,
Brotherston. Substitute: Arnott (replaced Garner).

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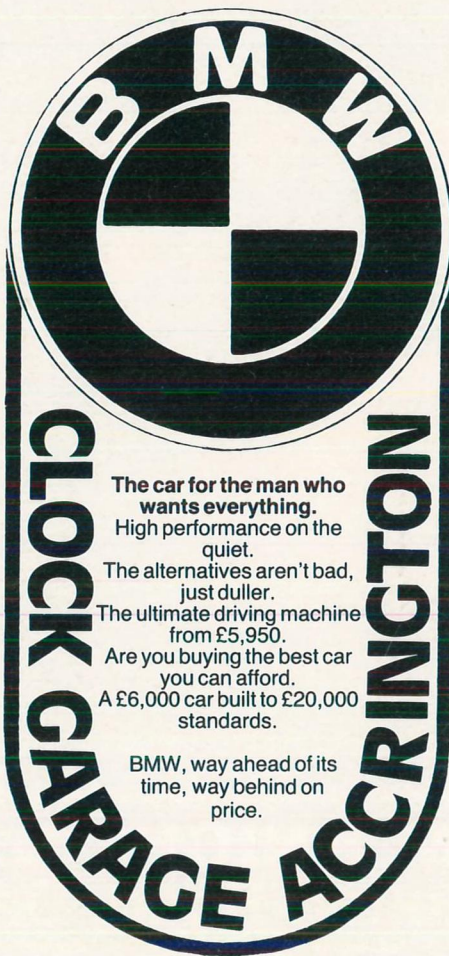
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TRAVEL arrangements for forthcoming away matches are as follows:

Middlesbrough (27th November)

A football match has been arranged with Middlesbrough Supporters' Club, and therefore travel arrangements for members of the supporters' club to this game are -

Coach No. 1, Price £5.00 (Ticket sellers - adults £4.25, OAP, children, unemployed £3.00). Departure: Rawtenstall 6-30 a.m., Accrington (Black Bull) 6-40, Rishton (Roeback) 6-45, Intack 6-50, Blackburn (Adelphi) 6-55, Blackburn (Montague Street) 7-00. Members travelling on this coach will be provided with lunch by Middlesbrough Supporters' Club.

Coach No. 2, Price £4.50 (Ticket sellers - adults £3.75, OAP, children, unemployed £2.50).

Departure: Rawtenstall 10-15 a.m., Accrington 10-25, Rishton 10-30, Intack 10-35, Adelphi 10-40, Montague Street 10-45.

As always, the Accrington branch guarantee travel to this game. All the bookings so far have been taken on coach No. 1, and if support is not great enough to warrant running two coaches it is this coach that will be running. Members booking on coach No. 2 should check with Paul Astley on Accrington 37678 or Blackburn 678642 for any change in their travel arrangements after 6-30 p.m. on Friday, 26th November.

Any subsequent coaches will have the same arrangements as for coach No. 2.

Shrewsbury (11th December)

The Accrington branch will be playing an Anglo-Welsh league game against Shrewsbury Town Supporters' Club. Prices and departure times are the same as for the Middlesbrough game.

Burnley (27th December)

As no trains are running at all and only minimum bus services available, demand for coaches will be high, so please book early.

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5 David MAIL	11 Noel BROTHERSTON
6 Derek FAZACKERLEY	12

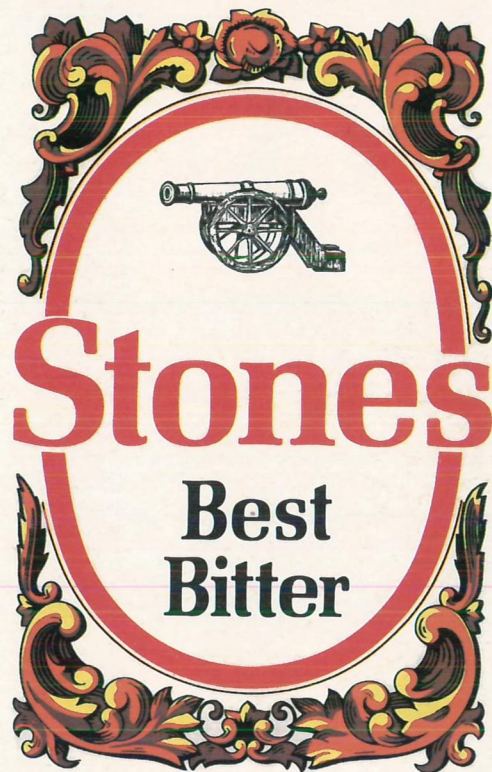
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1 Jim McDONAGH	7 Jeff CHANDLER
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3 Ray DEAKIN	9 Wayne FOSTER
4 Tony HENRY	10 Peter REID
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